CITY OF SPRINGDALE
Committee Agendas
Tuesday, January 16, 2018
Multipurpose Room #236
City Administration Building
Meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.

Ordinance Committee by Chairman Mike Overton:

- 1. <u>An Ordinance</u> amending Chapter 22-91 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Springdale, Arkansas. Item to be presented by Mike Chamlee, Director of Buildings Department. (2)
- 2. <u>An Ordinance</u> amending section 42-56 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Springdale, Arkansas; and for other purposes. Item to be presented by Ernest Cate, City Attorney. (3)

Street and CIP Committee by Chariman Rick Evans:

- 3. <u>A Resolution</u> authorizing the appropriation of Capital Improvement project funds for the purchase of patrol vehicles. Item to be presented by Mike Peters, Chief of Police. (4)
- 4. <u>A Resolution</u> appropriating Capital Improvement fund for restoration of the Shiloh Museum Meeting Hall. Item to be presented by Allyn Lord, Director of the Shiloh Museum. (5-6)
- 5. <u>A Discussion</u> of property located at 407 S. Cleveland. Item to be presented by Ernest Cate, City Attorney. (8-10)

Parks & Recreation Committee by Chairman Mike Lawson:

- 6. <u>A Discussion</u> on an equipment request list. Item to be presented by Bill Mock, Director of Parks and Recreation. (11)
- 7. <u>An update</u> on proposed improvements to Randal Tyson Sports Complex. Item to be presented by Bill Mock, Director of Parks and Recreation.
- 8. <u>A report</u> on a repair proposal for Rabbit Foot Lodge. Item to be presented by Bill Mock, Director of Parks and Recreation.
- 9. <u>An Ordinance</u> to waive competitive bidding for maintenance and repairs of the aquatic center. Item to be presented by Bill Mock, Director of Parks and Recreation. (12-13)

Finance Committee by Chairman Jeff Watson:

10. <u>An Ordinance</u> authorizing the mayor and city clerk to enter into an agreement with the Springdale Chamber of Commerce to promote business development and economic growth; to waive competitive bidding and for other purposes. Item to be presented by Perry Webb, President and CEO of Springdale Chamber of Commerce (14-18)

Public Vehicle Commission:

- A <u>Discussion</u> on increasing funding levels for Fixed Route Public Transit Services and FTA associated ADA Para-Transit. Item to be presented by Joel Gardner, Executive Director of Ozark Regional Transit. (19-20)
- 12. <u>A Hearing</u> regarding annual requirements of Dynasty and NWA Taxi. Item to be presented by Ernest Cate, City Attorney; and Sgt. Mike Bell, Springdale Police Department. (21-24)

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 22-91 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, ARKANSAS.

WHEREAS, Chapter 22-91 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Springdale, Arkansas, provides for the adoption of the National Electric Code;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Springdale, Arkansas, for the City Council of the City of Springdale, Arkansas, to adopt the updated version of the National Electric Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, ARKANSAS:

Section 1: Section 22-91 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Springdale, Arkansas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 22-91. National Electric Code Adopted.

PASSED AND APPROVED this

There is hereby adopted by the city, for the purpose for continued maintenance and upgrading of standards for electrical wiring, that certain electrical code known as the 2014 2017 National Electric Code, in its entirety, of which not less than three copies shall be filed in the office of the city clerk.

The 2014 2017 National Electric Code is incorporated herein as though set out fully word for word. Notwithstanding the provisions of the 2017 National Electrical Code, arc fault circuit interrupters shall not be required in kitchens and laundry rooms.

Section 2: All other provisions of Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Springdale, Arkansas, not specifically amended by this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

day of

. 2018.

	Doug Sprouse, Mayor
ATTEST:	Doug Sprouse, Mayor
Denise Pearce, City Clerk	
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	
Ernest B. Cate, City Attorney	

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 42-56 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Chapter 42, Article III, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Springdale, Arkansas, contains the regulations pertaining to noise within the City of Springdale, Arkansas;

WHEREAS, Section 42-56 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Springdale, Arkansas, contains the penalties associated with a violation of City's noise ordinance;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Springdale, Arkansas, and to ensure the effective enforcement of the City's noise ordinance, that Section 42-56 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Springdale, Arkansas, be amended to make the penalty consistent with other violations of City ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, ARKANSAS:

Section 1: Section 42-56 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Springdale is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 42-56. Penalties.

Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this chapter shall be <u>subject to</u> the penalties provided in Section 1-9 of the Springdale Code of Ordinances. fined as follows:

- (1) For the first offense, the person shall be fined not less than \$150.00 or more than \$250.00.
- (2) For the second offense, the person shall be fined not less than \$500.00 or more than \$1,000.00.
- (3) For the third offense, the person shall be fined not less than \$2,000.00.

Section 2: All other provisions of Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Springdale, Arkansas, not specifically modified herein shall remain in full force and effect.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _	day of	, 2018.
ATTEST:	Doug Sprouse, Mayor	
Denise Pearce, City Clerk		
APPROVED AS TO FORM:		
Ernest B. Cate, City Attorney	-	

RESOL	LUTION	NO.	

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF PATROL VEHICLES

WHEREAS, the City of Springdale Police Department is in need of replacing several patrol vehicles, and

WHEREAS, funds were not included in the 2018 budget for the purchase of police patrol vehicles, and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief has requested funds to purchase 12 patrol vehicles and the related equipment;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, ARKANSAS, that there is hereby appropriated \$526,620 of capital improvement funds for the purchase of 12 police patrol units and the related equipment.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9th day of January 9, 2018.

ATTEST:	Doug Sprouse, Mayor
Denise Pearce, City Clerk	
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	
Ernest B. Cate. City Attorney	

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A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS FOR RESTORATION OF THE SHILOH MEETING HALL

WHEREAS, the City of Springdale acquired the Shiloh Meeting Hall in January of 2005 and agreed to make improvements to the property within 15 years, and

WHEREAS, the Shiloh Museum has spent \$833,227 to restore the building, and;

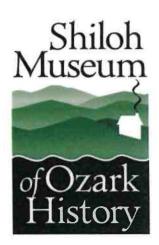
WHEREAS, the balance of funds for this project is \$46,825 short of the amount needed to complete the project, and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to insure the completion of the project and increase its participation from the \$500,000 appropriated on August 25, 2015, to \$546,825.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, ARKANSAS, that the \$500,000.00 of capital improvement funds previously appropriated for the restoration and improvement project for the interior of the Shiloh Meeting Hall is hereby increased to \$546,825.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of January 2018.

ATTEST:	Doug Sprouse, Mayor
Denise Pearce, City Clerk	
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	
Ernest Cate, City Attorney	



118 W. Johnson Avenue Springdale, AR 72764 479-750-8165 shiloh@springdalear.gov www.shilohmuseum.org

DATE: 9 January 2018

TO: Mayor Doug Sprouse; Wyman Morgan

FROM: Allyn Lord, director, Shiloh Museum Allyn Lord

RE: Request for additional funding for Shiloh Meeting Hall renovation

As you know, the Shiloh Museum has been undertaking the renovation of the historic 1871 Shiloh Meeting Hall since 2007. To date, \$833,227 has been spent on the project. Three phases of the renovation project remain:

Phase	Project	Estimated Cost	Funding Secured	Funds Needed
Property	Parking, exterior lighting,	\$252,780	\$115,778 ¹	\$46,825
Improvements	signage, drainage		90,177 ²	
Interior Furnishings	Chairs, tables, janitorial, 2 nd floor exhibits	\$70,000	\$70,000 ¹	0
Facilities Manager	Funding for first 4 years	\$149,168	\$69,895 ¹ \$79,273 ³	0
	Totals	\$471,948	\$425,123	\$46,825
	Total 3-phase completio	n cost: \$471.	948	

¹Grant from Walton Family Foundation; ²Remaining museum Board-designated funds & funds raised by the Board; ³City funds to pay part of a facilities manager salary/benefits for 2020 and all of the salary/benefits starting in 2021.

The remaining funds from a Walton Family Foundation grant will cover all of the interior furnishing costs and much of the facilities manager's salary/benefits. However, at the December 13 bid opening for the property improvements phase, the lowest bid came in \$49,000 over the budgeted \$200,000. When the remaining costs for construction administrative costs are added (\$3,780), the museum is \$46,825 short of funds to complete the project. (Attached is a more complete itemization of all Shiloh Meeting Hall project costs.)

I would therefore like to request of the City an additional \$46,825 in order to secure the funding for the property improvements. If granted, we will notify the lowest bidder to begin work immediately. This phase of the work should take 90 days, weather dependent, and the museum will schedule the grand opening for the Shiloh Meeting Hall within 30-60 days following completion.

Please contact me if I can provide any additional information or explanation. Thank you sincerely for your consideration.

Shiloh Meeting Hall Project Costs & Estimates 9 Jan. 2018

Phase	Project	Dates	Grant Funding	City Funding	Museum Funding	Totals
Phases	Completed					
1	Exterior	2007-08	\$95,4481	\$44,150 ²	\$10,555	\$150,153
2	Roof	2008-09	26,616 ¹	0	18,373	44,989
3	Interior	2016-17	0	500,000	138,085	638,085
	Totals	2007-2017	\$122,064 (15%)	\$544,150 (65%)	\$167,013 (20%)	\$833,227
Phases	Remaining					
4	Property	2018	\$115,778 ³	\$115,778 ³ \$46,825 ⁸	\$15,769 ⁴	\$252,780 ⁷
Improvements					\$16,646 ⁵	
		1			\$57,762 ⁶	
5	Interior Furnishings	2018-2020	70,000 ³	0	0	70,000
6	Facilities Manager	2018-2021	69,895 ³	79,273	0	149,168
	Totals	2018-2021	\$255,673 (54%)	\$126,098 (27%)	\$90,177 (19%)	\$471,948
Overal	I Totals on Renovation	Project				
	Totals	2007-2021	\$377,737 (29%)	\$670,248 (51%)	\$257,190 (20%)	\$1,305,175

Notes

¹Grants from Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

²Funds from City's CDBG program

³Grant from Walton Family Foundation

⁴Already spent to date

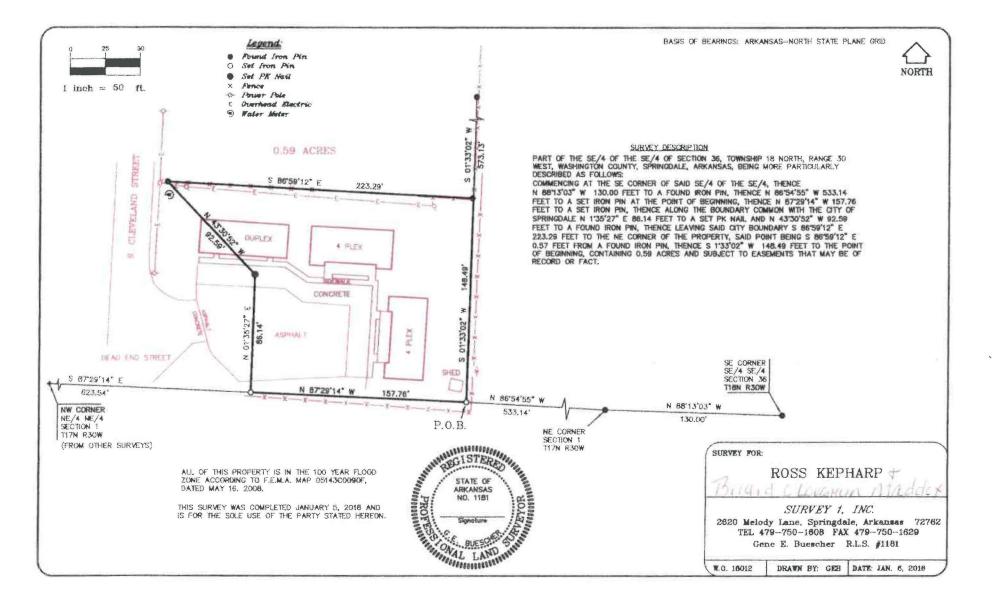
⁵Remaining board-designated funds

⁶Funds raised to date by museum board

⁷Low bid of \$249,000, plus an additional \$3,780 for construction administrative costs, for a total of \$252,780. The project budget for Phase 4 was estimated to be \$200,000.

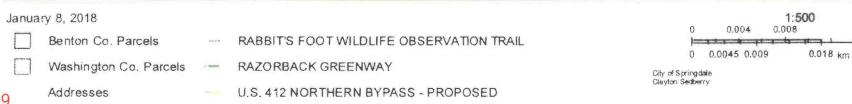
⁸Funds requested from City, Jan. 2018

Allyn Lord Director Shiloh Museum



City of Springdale Zoning Map





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2018 Parks and Recreation Capital Request

Baseball Scoreboard (This is to replace the damaged scoreboard on the Springdale High School Field)	\$10,000
New Grill's, benches and Picnic tables- (Add tables/benches/Grill's to Murphy Park)	\$25,000
3 Trucks (Replacements for three trucks that are over 15 years old) Lease 6 mowers (See Lease Agreement)	\$75,000
Lease 6 Mowers for 3 three years with 3 year Warranty) (Replacements for mowers that have 2,500 to over 4,000 Hours) These hours equal 250,000 to over 400,000 thousand miles	\$30,000
Turf Top dresser- (Our Sport fields are use more than ever before. The time has come to top Dress with sand to improve the drainage and insure safe playing conditions)	\$10,000
2 John Deere Utility Vehicles (Replacement of 2 Utility vehicles that are 20 years old)	\$15,000
2 Kubota mower decks (Allows us to replace worn out decks and continue to use the machine)	\$5,000
Turf the Batting cage at the C. L. Charlie and Willie George Park (SE Park) (To add safety to that batting cage)	\$15,000
Replace Back Stop Fences (Repair the broken for a safer field)	\$10,000
Repair the Irrigation System at Murphy Park (This will help with the beautification for Murphy Park)	\$25,000

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AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS OF THE AQUATIC CENTER

WHEREAS, the sand in all of the aquatic center filters is in need of replacement, and

WHEREAS, the lights in all of the pools need to be replaced with LED lights and fixtures, and

WHEREAS, there is an immediate need for the commencement of this work and the Parks Director would like to have it done by Blue Water Pools, the company that has been providing this type of work for the aquatic center in the past, and

WHEREAS, Arkansas Code 14-58-303 states, "The governing body, by ordinance, may waive the requirements of competitive bidding in exceptional situations where this procedure is deemed not feasible or practical";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, ARKANSAS, that

Section 1. This Council finds that due to the immediate need to start this work and the desire for consistency, the competitive bidding process it is not feasible or practical to use competitive bidding it is here by waived for an amount not to exceed \$62,125.00 plus tax for aquatic center repairs to be completed by Blue Water Pools.

<u>Section 2.</u> Emergency Clause. It is hereby declared that an emergency exists, and this ordinance being necessary for the immediate preservation of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Springdale, Arkansas, shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of January, 2018

	Doug Sprouse, Mayor
ATTEST:	
Denise Pearce, City Clerk	
APPROVED AS TO FORM	
Ernest B. Cate, City Attorney	



Springdale Parks & Recreation

Filter Sand Change & Lighting

Filtration Repair (To Include Lap, Plunge, Wading, and Shallow Pool)

Scope of Work: Removal and disposal of existing filter media. Replacement of all filter internals.

Summary

- Remove swimming pool filter media and dispose (city to provide disposal site)
- Inspect and repair distribution assembly if needed
- Inspect and repair collection assembly if needed
- Inspect & repair interior lining if needed
- Remove and replace laterals
- Replace with appropriate swimming pool filter media gravel & sand combination

Cost: \$41,000.00 plus applicable taxes

Pool Lights

Scope of Work: Removal and installation of pool lights

Summary

- Remove all pool light fixtures
- Install new IntelliBright White LED pool light fixtures
- Install 100% silicon caulk where light cord enters conduit for watertight seal

Lap Pool Cost:

\$13,775.00 plus applicable taxes

Shallow/Plunge Pool Cost:

\$7,350.00 plus applicable taxes

Total Cost

\$21,125.00 plus applicable taxes

Note: IntelliBright LED Lights are energy efficient utilizing up to 86% less energy than comparable incandescent lights.

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SPRINGDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO PROMOTE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC GROWTH; TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the City Council for the City of Springdale, Arkansas, that in the past the City of Springdale has worked in conjunction with the Springdale Chamber of Commerce to promote business development and economic growth within the City of Springdale;

WHEREAS, incorporated herein by reference and attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is an agreement between the City of Springdale and the Springdale Chamber of Commerce, allowing for the Chamber to perform certain services for the City of Springdale as set out in the agreement for the total sum of \$200,000.00 per year, as set out in the Agreement;

WHEREAS, because the Chamber is actively involved in promoting of business development and economic growth within the City of Springdale, Arkansas, they are in a unique position to provide the services to the City of Springdale, and therefore, the requirement of competitive bidding should be waived as it is not deemed feasible or practical in this case;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, ARKANSAS:

- **Section 1:** That the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to enter into said Agreement, which is incorporated herein by reference, with the Springdale Chamber of Commerce, and to pay the sum not to exceed \$200,000.00 per year to the Springdale Chamber of Commerce, as set out in the Agreement, said money to be paid from general fund.
- **Section 2:** That because of the exceptional circumstances set out herein, competitive bidding is not deemed feasible or practical for the reasons previously stated herein, and is therefore waived.
- **Section 3:** Emergency Clause. It is hereby declared that an emergency exists and this ordinance, being necessary for the preservation of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Springdale, Arkansas, shall be in effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this	day of	, 2018.
	Doug Sprouse, Mayor	
ATTEST:		
Denise Pearce, CITY CLERK		
APPROVED AS TO FORM:		
Ernest B. Cate, CITY ATTORNEY		

AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into this ____ day of January, 2018, by and between the City of Springdale, Arkansas, hereinafter referred to as "City," and the Chamber of Commerce of Springdale, Arkansas, hereinafter referred to as "Chamber;"

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the City of Springdale recognizing the need for continued development and economic diversification, a broader tax base, and increased employment opportunities and improved quality of life for its citizens, wishes to provide for a coordinated effort to encourage, foster and promote the economic development of the City and its environs; and

WHEREAS, the Chamber of Commerce of the City of Springdale, Arkansas has actively promoted business development and economic growth within the region for the purpose of creating jobs, and as a result thereof has obtained certain knowledge and expertise in this field of endeavor;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the parties that the Chamber provide economic development services to the City utilizing, among other things, the provisions of Act 686 of 2017; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the parties hereto that the entities involved in furthering the economic well being combine and coordinate their efforts for such purpose and provide as effective economic development program for Springdale, to be operated as hereinafter provided;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and other good and valuable considerations, the parties agree as follows:

- 1. That the Chamber agrees to serve as the economic development marketing arm of the City for 2018 and 2019, subject to paragraph 5 of this Agreement.
- 2. Further, Chamber agrees that it shall be assigned the following responsibilities:
 - a. Chamber shall develop coordinate, administer and have overall management of economic development marketing activities and the coordination and administration of the functions above described for the City;
 - b. The Chamber shall be responsible for advancing the improvement, in the broadest sense, of the quality and the quantity of life in the City, utilizing, among other things, the provisions of Act 686 of 2017.
 - (1) Implementation, development and management of all marketing and advertising campaigns designed to attract a diverse segment of manufacturing, service industries, commercial and retail establishments, if such campaigns are used.
 - (2) Design and execution of an industrial retention and expansion program to encourage local manufacturing to remain and expand in the City.
 - (3) Operation of an on-going communications and promotions program for economic development activities in the City.
 - c. The Chamber shall provide a written report to the City Council on a quarterly basis relative to its economic development work. The reports will be due in January, April, July, and October of each year.

- 3. Further, it is agreed by and between the parties that in the role of serving as the economic development marketing arm for the City, Chamber shall be responsible for:
 - Representing the City as the initial contact for manufacturing, service industries, commercial and retail prospects.
 - b. Development of financial proposals to help accomplish the economic development goals, which includes development of financial proposals for project funding, which includes working with the City, AEDC, and regional and local financial institutions.
 - Maintaining economic development files that will pertain to manufacturing, service industry, commercial and retail projects.
- 4. For the services to be provided by the Chamber to the City for the year 2018, the City shall pay \$200,000.00 to the Chamber. The sum of \$50,000.00 shall be paid on January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1 in 2018, subject to paragraph 5 of this Agreement. For the services to be provided by the Chamber to the City for the year 2019, the City shall pay \$200,000.00 or an amount mutually agreed upon in writing and approved by the City, whichever amount is greater, to the Chamber. The sum shall be paid in four (4) equal installments on January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1 in 2019, subject to paragraph 5 of this Agreement.
- 5. This Agreement shall terminate on December 31, 2019. However, should the City not appropriate the funds to pay the Chamber for 2019, this Agreement shall terminate December 31, 2018.
- 6. This Agreement does not create an exclusive right to conduct marketing of economic development by the Chamber on behalf of the City.

7. If the City appropriates the n	ecessary funds through 2018 to fund this Agreement,		
this Agreement shall be automatically rene	ewed for 2019 on the same terms and conditions as		
2018 provided the Chamber requests renewal on or before October 1, and upon condition the			
City appropriates the necessary funds for 20	019. If either party wants to change any of the terms		
or conditions set out in the Agreement, the	e party must submit those changes to the other party		
within 60 days prior to the expiration of th	e Agreement year. If the parties cannot agree to the		
changes, the Agreement will renew on the s	same terms and conditions set out herein provided the		
Chamber has requested renewal as provide	ded herein, and provided the City appropriates the		
necessary funds.			
WITNESS our hands and seals this	day of January, 2018.		
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	SPRINGDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE		
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ATTEST:			



2423 East Robinson Avenue, Springdale, Arkansas 72764

City of Springdale To: From: Ozark Regional Transit 2018 Funding Level Increase Re:

Ozark Regional Transit (ORT) is formally petitioning the City of Springdale to increase the funding levels for Fixed Route Public Transit services and FTA associated ADA Para-Transit.

ORT's 2018 budget will realize a local match shortfall, and will also realize increases in operational costs.

There are many factors that play into the causes of this budgetary gap that include:

- Decreases in County funding and associated State funding.
- Increases in labor rates from year to year.
- Increases in hard costs such as vehicle parts and fuels.
- Decreases in on-vehicle advertising revenue due to not running our own buses.

To better understand where the City's funding supports ORT routes, we have calculated the straight operational cost for running a fixed route. This cost includes:

- Wages for Operators and Maintenance
- Associated Benefits
- Vehicle Insurance
- Uniforms
- **Shop Supplies**
- Communication Equipment and Service costs
- Equipment Rental and Repair
- Fuel and Oil

This does not include:

- Wages for Support Staff or Management
- **Associated Benefits**
- Property Insurance
- Office Supply Costs
- Computer Hardware and Software Service costs
- Utilities
- Travel, Marketing or Association Dues
- Other Ancillary Expenses
- Costs associated with post-fire recovery

For 2016 and 2017, the costs per route are as follows:

Average Cost per Route	2017	2016	%Difference
One Route	\$185,354	\$165,171	11%
Two Routes	\$370,709	\$330,342	11%
Four Routes	\$741,418	\$660,684	11%

The costs that are not associated with directly operating a route are supported financially through the fare box revenue, advertising revenue, local partnerships with non-governmental organizations and charter fares. There is also approximately 10% of these additional costs that are paid utilizing State funding, which is only obtained by providing rural services. Now that we are forced to cut the rural services, due to the reduction in County funding, our State grant money has been decreased by \$100,000 or close to 40%.

For 2018, ORT will have to propose an overall budget below the 2017 budget proposed and subsequent expected actuals. The 2018 budget currently reflects the expected reductions in funding and is also reflecting the associated rural demand response service reduction in hours and labor, as well as the removal of the private partnership sponsored route and associated service hours and labor. Even with these calculated reductions in funding and services, ORT finds its funding below expected costs associated with running fixed route services in NWA.

On November 30, 2017 ORT staff asked that the Board members request an audience with each city we provide fixed route services in, to allow us that audience from whom to request additional funding, in order to maintain our current fixed route service levels in the urbanized area. ORT also offered a secondary resolution. Although contradictory to our plans to continue public transit growth and development, it is the only other predictable alternative to keep the 2018 budget balanced; we reduce service hours daily by 1.5 hours. Again, these are the present options that allow us to enter into 2018 with a balanced budget.

ORT has calculated its shortfall in 2018 to be \$338,000 in order to maintain the same level of services as in 2017 for fixed routes. With eleven (11) urbanized fixed routes, the equitable distribution of this shortfall would be \$30,727 per fixed route. That equates to an increase per fixed route of 14.22%. As indicated above, 11% of this increase is due to operational cost increases realized from 2016 to 2017. The other 3.22% is attributable to the operational cost increases from 2017 to 2018. Only an increase in funding will ensure ORT is able to compensate for operational increases expected in 2018 and will result in enough funding associated with State supported expense items. Due to ORT applying approximately 10% of its budget to the State grant, for 2018, our proposed budget of \$3,538,000 will have \$353,800 reimbursable by that State grant.

When ORT staff began the final assembly of the 2018 budget, we took into consideration that there would be 4 less operators needed because of the loss of the County and private funding. Even though we are reducing our overall employee pool through natural attrition, there are some jobs and duties that cannot be reduced. While a portion of staff salary and benefits can be attributable to the State grant, having lost that funding stream does not allow me to reduce staff hours or duties at the non-operational and mechanical jobs level.

Over the years, ORT has maintained a lean leadership team. We have excelled in ensuring that no positions are manned or created that are not integral to the operation of the system. Many of our staff or leadership perform multiple layers of duties that would normally be staffed by more than one individual. However, due to our lean nature and propensity to be as frugal as possible, we do not over-staff or open positions until it is absolutely necessary. In the 2018 budget, we are reducing the number of operators needed to perform our daily tasks. This does not translate into reducing leadership or staff positions due to the fact that we continue to consolidate and delegate tasks and responsibilities to our present, few positions.

It is my hope that the City of Springdale will review this letter of request, and grant the increase of \$30,727 per fixed route for the total of \$122,908 in additional funding for 2018 budget. If you have any questions, or request further clarification of this budget dilemma, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Joel Gardner, Executive Director Ozark Regional Transit



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December 5, 2017

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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Dynasty Taxi Attn: Tim & Melissa Reynolds P. O. Box 7990 Springdale, AR 72766

NWA Taxi Attn: Kenneth Mourton P. O. Box 1444 Fayetteville, AR 72702

Re: Notice of Public Vehicle Commission Meeting

Dear Dynasty/NWA Taxi:

On November 21, 2017, the Springdale Police Department sent you the attached letter. In short, it appears that the required annual inspections and criminal history reports have not been completed nor scheduled. These requirements exist to ensure compliance with all federal, state, and local rules and regulations, and for the safety of the public. It is my understanding that as of this date, the Police Department has received no response to the attached letter.

As you know, Section 122-27(d)(7) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Springdale, Arkansas, provides, in relevant part:

If any taxicab operator in the city does not comply with the provisions of this article and established rules and regulations, a hearing will be called in front of the public vehicle commission to determine if the taxicab operator permit should be suspended or revoked.

In addition, Section 122-36 provides monetary fines for a violation of Chapter 122 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Springdale, Arkansas. These fines are up to \$1,000.00, and then up to a \$500.00 fine for each day that the violations continue.

As such, please be advised that there will be a hearing in front of the Public Vehicle Commission for the City of Springdale at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, in the multi-purpose room (2nd floor of City Hall), 201 Spring Street, Springdale, Arkansas. At that time, the administrator will make a recommendation as to whether the relevant taxicab operator permits and/or drivers' permits should be suspended and/or revoke for non-compliance with City ordinances. You will be afforded the opportunity to address the Public Vehicle Commission regarding these issues, should you wish to do so.

However, no hearing would be **needed** in the event that you come into full compliance with the inspection and criminal history submission requirements contained in the ordinance prior to that date.

Please contact Sgt. Mike Bell at the **Springdale** Police Department upon your receipt of this letter to begin the process of vehicle inspections and issuance of the required taxicab driver permits for 2018. He may be reached at (479) 751-1081 or (479) 756-8200.

I am also sending this letter via regular mail, so that if the certified letter is returned unclaimed, I will know that you have in fact received this letter.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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City Attorney

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Sgt. Mike Bell, Springdale Police Department Denise Pearce, Springdale City Clerk

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CITY OF SPRINGDALE

POLICE DEPARTMENT SERVICE DIVISION

November 21, 2017

Dynasty Taxi/Hog Taxi Timothy Reynolds PO Box 7990 Springdale, AR 72766-7990

It has come to my attention that Dynasty Taxi has not met the requirements of the Springdale City Ordinances regulating taxi services for 2017 and you are likely in violation of the ordinances regarding taxicab inspections and taxicab driver permits.

- Taxicab operators/businesses are required to have taxicabs inspected annually by a representative of the police department and my records indicate that none of your taxicabs were inspected for 2017.
- Taxicab operators/businesses are required to send all taxicab drivers to the police department to
 obtain a valid taxicab drivers' permit annually and, again, my records indicate no taxicab driver
 permits were issued for 2017.
- Taxi driver permits are to be issued and vehicle inspections completed before the beginning of the upcoming year. No appointments have been made for 2018 inspections or permits.

Before a taxi driver permit can be issued you will need to provide us with a criminal history and traffic history report for any driver wanting to obtain a permit. Please note that the taxi ordinances state that the criminal history reports will be conducted by the Arkansas State Police and the traffic history reports will be conducted by the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration.

Please review the requirements of the Springdale City Ordinances regulating taxi services and contact Denise Pearce, Springdale City Clerk, as soon as possible to determine what is required to get all necessary permits issued for 2017 and 2018.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience to begin the process of vehicle inspections and issuance of taxicab driver permits for 2018. These can only be conducted by appointment.

Sgt. Mike Bell Springdale Police Department Services Division 201 N. Spring St. Springdale, AR 72764 (479) 751-1081 (479) 756-8200

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